KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Not at all, Sir. On the other hand, they uphold peace and order. They are the sixth column, so to say.

PRESIDENT What was the expression used by the honourable questioner? I did not hear his question.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: My question was whether the Inspector General of Police is aware that most of the employees in the special police are a meance to public tranquillity?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Absolutely not. On the other hand, they are the upholders of peace and order in the country. Like Moses they are born.

PRESIDENT: Order, order.

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: They are our sixth column, so to say.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: If instances of their previous convictions are pointed out to the honourable member, will the member be prepared to take action against such people?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: If specific instances of their misbehaviour are brought to my notice I shall certainly deal with them. In fact I have taken action, and I have punished some, and discharged some others.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: May I know what has become of the rest of the number?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: They have been given certificates of discharge. As and when vacancies arise in the State Forces and the Police, they will be considered.

Village Panchayats in the State.

138 *MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL (*Kunnathad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many Village Panchayats there are in the State; and

(*b*) what amount, if any, they have given in 1115 as grant to these Panchayats?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Seven.

(*b*) Rs. 3,368.

Besides the Village Panchayats there are 26 Village Unions to which a sum of Rs. 13,000 has been paid as grant for 1115.

Travancore Engineering College.

139 *MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased:

(*a*) to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the candidates who applied for admission and who were admitted to the Degree, Diploma and Certificate Courses in the Travancore Engineering College during the years 1114 and 1115 and

(*b*) to state what are the minimum qualifications prescribed for the above courses?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Pro-Vice-Chancellor*):

(*a*) *The Statements giving the information are laid on the table.

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